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MINISTERIAL MEETING

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Classified By: Ambassador Patricia M. Haslach, reason 1.4 (b) and (d).

(S) Political Counselor delivered reftel demarche May 24 to MFA International Offices Director Saleumsai Kommasith. Saleumsai, who was not attending the NAM, responded that the Lao government was "very concerned" about the situation regarding Iran's nuclear activities, but said his government was "still considering" its position on the issue. He promised to convey our talking points to the Minister, who would be traveling to the Ministerial over the weekend. HASLACH